SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
March 28, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West
North Haven, CT 06473

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – First Selectman James Cosgrove, Chairman
2. **Presentation:** The Right Housing Mix - Key to a Healthy Town – Sean Ghio, Policy Director, Partnership for Strong Communities
3. **Presentation:** 2018 5-Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update – Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director & Barbara Malmberg, Director of Marketing, REX Development
4. Adoption of 2/28/18 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes – First Selectwoman Beth Heller, Secretary Pages 2-4
5. Treasurer’s Report for month ending 2/28/18 – First Selectman Michael Freda, Treasurer Pages 5,6
6. Transportation Committee Report – Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chairman
   Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Four Pages 7-14
7. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Documents with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Accepting Award of Farm Viability Grant Page 15
8. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development related to the Farm Viability Grant Page 16
11. State Legislative Reports – Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST
12. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – Carl Amento, Executive Director
13. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development Pages 23-25
14. DESPP/DEMHS Report – John Field, Region 2 Coordinator Page 26
15. Regional Planning Commission March Action Table Page 27
16. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
17. Adjournment
TO: SCRCOG Board Members  
FROM: First Selectwoman Beth Heller, Secretary  
DATE: March 21, 2018  
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Minutes of February 28, 2018

Present:
Branford    First Selectman James Cosgrove, Chairman
East Haven  Mayor Joseph Maturo
Hamden      Mayor Curt Leng
Guilford    First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Madison     First Selectman Thomas Banisch, Vice-Chairman
Milford     Steven Fournier, proxy for Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven   Serena Neal-Sanjurjo, proxy for Mayor Toni Harp, Immediate Past Chairwoman
North Branford  Michael Paulhus, proxy for Mayor Michael Doody
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, Treasurer
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven  Thomas McCarthy, proxy for Mayor Nancy Rossi
Woodbridge  First Selectwoman Beth Heller, Secretary

SCRCOG Staff  Carl Amento, Stephen Dudley, Albert Ruggiero, James Rode, Eugene Livshits, Rebecca Andreucci

Guests: Tim Larson and John Picard, Tweed-New Haven Airport; Miriam Brody, Hamden-North Haven League of Women Voters; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, REX Development; Matt Nemerson, City of New Haven; Mary Bigelow, Greater New Haven Transit District; Louis Mangini, Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Ben Florsheim, Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy; Lori Vitagliano, Regional Water Authority; Richard LoPresti, UI Holdings Corp; Cathy Lezon, Eversource; William Villano, Workforce Alliance; Betsy Gara, COST

1. Call to order and Introductions
   Chairwoman Mayor Harp called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Presentation: Tweed-New Haven Airport Report
   John Picard, Chairman of the Airport Authority; Tim Larson, Executive Director of the Airport Authority; and Matt Nemerson, Economic Development Administrator for the City of New Haven narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Why Tweed Matters”. Hard copies of the presentation were distributed to SCRCOG members. Members were asked for their support for repeal of the state statute that currently restricts the runway length at Tweed.

Mayor Leng moved to add to the agenda a Resolution by SCRCOG supporting more commercial air service at Tweed-New Haven Airport, and supporting the repeal of Section 15-120j(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which restricts the length of Tweed’s runway. First Selectman Banisch seconded. The motion was approved to add the item to the agenda. Mayor Leng moved for approval of the Resolution. First Selectwoman Heller seconded. A discussion followed. The Resolution was approved with 11 votes in favor and one against (Mayor Maturo).
3. **Adoption of January 31, 2018 SCRCOG meeting minutes**
First Selectwoman Heller presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG meeting of January 31, 2018, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. She moved for their approval. Mayor Leng seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Michael Paulhus abstained.

4. **Treasurer’s Report for Month Ending January 31, 2018**
First Selectman Freda presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2018, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 6-7. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of $1,203,000 with approximately $800,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also $143,000 due from CTDOT. First Selectman Freda moved for acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report. First Selectman Hoey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. **Adoption of Resolution Regarding COGs as County Equivalents**
Executive Director Amento pointed out that the CT Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has encouraged the Connecticut COGs to each approve resolutions supporting federal recognition of COGs as “county equivalents”. Once the approved resolutions are all submitted to OPM, OPM will make a formal request for “county equivalent” status to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Resolution is at Page 8 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Banisch moved for approval of the Resolution. Mayor Leng seconded, and all were in favor.

6. **Adoption of Affirmative Action Policy Resolution (annual renewal)**
This Resolution is required annually by CTDOT. It is described on Pages 9-10 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Banisch moved for approval of the Resolution. Mayor Leng seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. **Appointment of SCRCOG Representative to the Chief Elected Officials (CEO) Executive Committee of the Workforce Alliance Board to Fill a Vacancy**
A roster of the current members of the CEO Executive Committee was distributed to the members. On Page 11 of the agenda packet, the vacancy is explained. When Mayor O’Brien, who was one of four members of the Committee representing SCRCOG, was not re-elected, it created a vacancy. First Selectman Banisch volunteered to serve on the Committee and fill the vacancy. First Selectman Freda moved to appoint First Selectman Banisch to the CEO Executive Committee. Mayor Leng seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the appointment.

8. **Congressional Report**
Louis Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro’s Office reported that the Administration budget will be ignored. It is expected that federal spending will increase over the next 2 years. It is expected that Representative DeLauro will be setting up a meeting with municipal leaders in April. Ben Florsheim from U.S. Senator Blumenthal’s office reported that funding for the FAST Act is expected to increase.

9. **State Legislative Report**
Betsy Gara from COST reviewed the Governor’s proposed budget. The general Assembly session is at an early stage. Conceptual legislation has been introduced. They will be assigned numbers and scheduled for hearings. We will have a better idea of where things are going after April 17th, when the amount of tax receipts will be known. There will be pressure on the legislators to complete their work on time this year so they can campaign for re-election.
10. **SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report**
   Executive Director Amento distributed information re:
   
   (1) The FY 2016-17 SCRCOG Annual Report;
   (2) Information on a request from Southeastern CT Council of Governments requesting support from SCRCOG for the EPA’s designation of a dredging disposal site in Eastern Long Island Sound, which designation has been appealed by New York State;
   (3) A presentation made by the Executive Director to the Hamden Alliance for Trees and the Hamden Land Trust regarding the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and SCRCOG’s complaint to PURA regarding utility post-tree trimming clean-up and disposal procedures;
   (4) Health and safety funding available for multifamily property owners; and
   (5) Upcoming Events.

   Lori Vitagliano from the Regional Water Authority spoke to the members about a technical revision the Authority is seeking to its enabling legislation.

11. **REX Development Report**
   Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed the REX report at Pages 12-14 of the agenda packet. She distributed the Regional Visitor Guide.

12. **DESPP/DEMHS Report**
   John Field was not in attendance, but his report is found at Pages 15-16 of the agenda packet.

13. **Regional Planning Commission February Action Table**
   The February Action Table was distributed and reviewed.

14. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**
   None

15. **Adjournment**
   First Selectman Hoey moved to adjourn; First Selectman Freda seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

   Respectfully submitted,

   First Selectwoman Beth Heller, *Secretary*
## Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
As of period 02/28/2018

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# Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
As of period 02/28/2018

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South Central Regional Council of Governments
2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 4

Project 0043-0131  2017-A0-1  Rehab BR 00186 over Lake Saltonstall
Changes Amendment 4 adjusts funding and schedule
Reason Action is necessary based on revised schedule

Project 0059-0162  2012-A11-2  Shoreline Greenway Guilford
Changes Amendment 4 deletes CON Phase
Reason Action is necessary to repurpose funding

Project 0061-0153  2018-A4-1  Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements
Changes Amendment 4 adds project
Reason Hamden's Walkable Sidewalk project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements at various locations along Augur, Benham, Davis, & Treadwall Streets. Improvements include sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, signage, and roadway restriping. This project was selected by CTDOT in 2017, as a result of a 2016 COG solicitation, for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Program.

Project 0300-XXXX  2018-A4-2  New Haven Line Track Program FY17
Changes Amendment 4 adds project
Reason This project provides for the continued maintenance of the track structure on the New Haven Line. Project involves the purchase and installation of ties, turnouts, continuous welded rail, timbers at various bridges as well as surfacing track miles. All work is based on the annual cycle in order to maintain operating speeds and comfort.

Project 0300-XXXX  2018-A4-3  NHL- Bridge Timbers Program FY18
Changes Amendment 4 adds project
Reason The Bridge Timber Replacement Project consists of replacing bridge timber decks that have exceeded their serviceable life, typically 20-30 years. Failing timbers typically will not hold gage or line and become a hazard to the safe passage of trains. CDOT and Metro-North personnel begin the project by evaluating older bridge timber decks on Metro-North’s main line as well as the New Canaan, Danbury, and Waterbury Branches, applying an order of magnitude to each bridge.

Project 0301-0182  2018-A4-4  East End Connection (EEC) FY18
Changes Amendment 4 adds project
Reason The East End Connection (EEC) was originally intended to be the first phase of the East End Yard (EEY) project that would create the east end track connection between Track 38 Ladder (aka the Thoroughfare) and the Component Change Out (CCO) Shop, Tracks 94E, 95E, and 96E.
South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2018-FFY2021 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 4

State Project #0043-0131
Municipality: East Haven

Amendment
SCRCOG # 2017-A0-1
AQ Code X6

Project Name: Rehab BR 00186 Over Lake Saltonstall

Description: Rehabilitation of Bridge joints, overlay, deck patching, minor super and sub repairs. Needed to stop bridge joints from leaking and prevent further rusting of steel bearings and structural steel below.

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TIP Funds $8,170

Amendment Notes
introduced with FY18 TIP. FY18 TIP Amend 4 adjusts funding and schedule
State Project #0059-0162  SCRCOG # 2012-A11-2
Municipality Guilford  AQ Code X6

Project Name Shoreline Greenway Guilford

Description Project is for design and construction of a 5,000 ft trail in Guilford to run along side Route 1 from the Madison border to the intersection with Route 146

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Total Cost $874

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Amendment Notes
FY 12 TIP Amend 11 adds new Project. FY15 TIP Amend 8 moves Con to FY16. FY15 TIP Amend 19 moves CON to FY17 transfers State share to local. Increases Local by 64k. FY15 TIP Amend 23 moves CON from FY17 to FY18 FY18 TIP Amend 4 deletes CON Phase
Hamden's Walkable Sidewalk project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements at various locations along Augur, Benham, Davis, & Treadwall Streets. Improvements include sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, signage, and roadway restriping.

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**TIP Funds** $2,724

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**Amendment Notes**

Fy18 TIP Amend 4 adds project
South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2018-FFY2021 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 4

State Project #0300-XXXX  SCRCOG # 2018-A4-2
Municipality Regional  AQ Code X6

Project Name New Haven Line Track Program FY17
Description Support continuing track maintenance program with capital funds. Use Carryover FTA Section 5307P AND 5337P capital funds from FY17

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TIP Funds $30,000

Amendment Notes
FY 18 TIP Amend 4 add new project

State Project #0300-XXXX  SCRCOG # 2018-A4-3
Municipality Regional  AQ Code X6

Project Name NHL- Bridge Timbers Program FY 18
Description Program for the replacement of bridge timber decks that have exceeded their serviceable life, typically 20-30 years. CDOT and Metro-North agree on a list of bridges to be included in the program.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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TIP Funds $5,000

Amendment Notes
FY 18 TIP Amend 4 adds new project
The East End Connection (EEC) will create a connection between Track 38 Ladder (aka the Thoroughfare) and the Component Change Out (CCO) Shop, Tracks 94E, 95E, and 96E.

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FY 18 TIP Amend 4 adds new project
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2018-Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Four

Whereas: U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and

Whereas: The Council, per 23 CFR 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a Fiscal Year 2018-Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Improvement Program on July 26, 2017, after finding the Program conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 CFR 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program and the Region’s Long-Range Transportation Plans—2015 to 2040, (April, 2015); and

Whereas: The Council, on July 26, 2017, indicated that periodic Program adjustment or amendment was possible; and

Whereas: Projects referenced in the Program amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s long-range transportation plan (South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan—2015 to 2040, (May, 2015)); and

Whereas: Council Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning have been observed during the development of the proposed Program amendment (below); and

Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and/or its amendment; and

Whereas: Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the Program.
Resolution

Fiscal Year 2018-Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Four
(continued)

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments:

The Program Amendment Four shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on March 28, 2018.

Date: March 28, 2018

By:

First Selectwoman Beth Heller, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments
Certified Resolution

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the South Central Regional Council of Governments to enter into contracts with the CT Department of Agriculture.

In furtherance of this resolution, the Executive Director, Carl Amento, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the South Central Regional Council of Governments. The Executive Director is further authorized to provide such additional and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto. Carl Amento now holds the title of Executive Director, and has held this title since January 11, 2010.

The Secretary is authorized to impress the seal of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

I, Beth Heller, the Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the resolution duly adopted at the Board Meeting on March 28, 2018 and that it has not be rescinded, amended or altered in any way, and that it remains in full force and in effect.

______________________________
First Selectwoman Beth Heller, Secretary

[Seal or L.S. notation]
Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development related to the Farm Viability Grant

Whereas: The Connecticut Department of Agriculture requested proposals for the Farm Viability Grant, a competitive matching grant program that supports projects fostering agricultural viability, including marketing and promotion of Connecticut agriculture;

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) partnered with Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (CT RC&D) to submit a proposal to develop a regional collaboration model for agriculture to support retention and expansion of agriculture as a vital business sector in the South Central Region;

Whereas: SCRCOG, as the lead applicant, has been awarded a $40,000 Farm Viability Grant;

Whereas: Due to their expertise and familiarity with the region’s agricultural businesses, it will be prudent to engage CT RC&D to assist with the promotion of agriculture as a dynamic business sector, support new farm energy practices in the region, and provide technical assistance, outreach, and education; and

Whereas: SCRCOG’s Executive Director recommends to the SCRCOG Board that CT RC&D qualifies as an appropriate sole source vendor “possessing unique prerequisites…skills and background, which might render ‘sole source’ selection in the best interests of the Council” pursuant to Article XI, Section I, Subsection (4) of the Council bylaws.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments

The South Central Regional Council of Governments’ Executive Director, Carl J. Amento, is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Council to negotiate and execute all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development in order to develop a regional collaboration model for agriculture to support retention and expansion of agriculture as a vital business sector in the South Central Region.

Certificate:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SCRCOG on March 28, 2018.

Date: March 28, 2018

By: ____________________________
   First Selectwoman Beth Heller, Secretary
   South Central Regional Council of Governments
Southeastern CT COG (SECCOG) has reached out to SCRCOG and the other coastal COGs in the state regarding New York State’s appeal of U.S. EPA’s designation of an Eastern Long Island Sound Disposal Site (ELDS). The designation provides a long-term disposal site for the disposal of suitable dredged material from harbors and navigation channels in eastern Long Island Sound. The State of Connecticut supports the designation of the ELDS.

Similar open-water disposal sites have existed for a number of years in Western and Central Long Island Sound.

In the following pages are some materials which will give you background information on this issue.

SCRCOG is being asked to support the position of the State and SECCOG against New York State’s appeal. This support could be in the form of a resolution or letter. However, SECCOG is also asking SCRCOG to join several other parties including Southwest COG, River GOG, Electric Boat, CT Port Authority, CT Marine Trades Association and Cross Sound Ferry in contributing to the total cost of $15,000 for the filing of an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief supporting the EPA designation.

Allison Dodge from Congresswoman DeLauro’s Office will attend the SCRCOG meeting on Wednesday, March 28th, to provide us with more information and to lead a discussion regarding this issue so that SCRCOG members can decide at the meeting how they would like to proceed.
Dredged Material Management in Long Island Sound

There are currently three ocean dredged material disposal sites in Long Island Sound, all located in Connecticut waters:

- Western Long Island Sound (WLDS),
- Central Long Island Sound (CLDS), and
- Eastern Long Island Sound (ELDS).

EPA designates dredged material disposal sites for long-term use under the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA).

EPA published a final rule to designate the Western and Central Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites on June 3, 2005 (70 FR 32498). The final rule to amend the restrictions on use of the Western and Central Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites on July 7, 2016 (81 FR 44220). EPA published a final rule to designate the Eastern Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Site (ELDS) was published on December 6, 2016 (81 FR 87820).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) selected the Cornfield Shoals and New London ocean disposal sites under Section 103(b) of the MPRSA for short-term use and those sites closed on December 23, 2016.

EPA and USACE share management and monitoring responsibilities for the disposal sites. With EPA support, the USACE conducts the majority of the monitoring through its longstanding Disposal Area Monitoring System (DAMOS), and provides technical reports on the results of those efforts.

Western and Central Long Island Sound Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites

In April 2004, EPA and USACE published an environmental impact statement (EIS) recommending designation of the Western and Central Long Island Sound ocean disposal sites under MPRSA section 102(c). EPA received almost 3,000 written comments on the EIS, mostly from elected officials and citizens from Long Island opposing the proposed action. The New York Coastal Management Program also objected to EPA’s federal consistency determination under the Coastal Zone Management Act, which had concluded that the designation of the two ocean disposal sites was consistent with the State’s coastal program enforceable policies.

On June 5, 2005, EPA published a rule designating the Central and Western Long Island Sound ocean disposal sites for long-term use. Each site designation is subject to various

https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/dredged-material-management-long-island-sound
restrictions designed to support the goal of reducing or eliminating the disposal of dredged material in Long Island Sound. Restrictions include the completion of the LIS DMMP, the creation of a Long Island Sound Regional Dredging Team, and annual reviews by EPA until the completion of the LIS DMMP. Restrictions apply to all federal and private projects generating more than 25,000 cubic yards of dredged material in Long Island Sound.

On February 10, 2016, EPA proposed amendments to the 2005 rule that designated the Central and Western Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites (81 FR 7055). The amended regulation incorporated standards and procedures for use of those sites as recommended in the Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan (LIS DMMP). Public hearings on the proposed rule were held on March 1-2, 2016.

On July 7, 2016, EPA released the Final Rule for the Amendments to Restrictions on Use of Dredged Material Disposal Sites in the Central and Western Regions of Long Island Sound. The Final Rule amends the 2005 site designation rule with new restrictions on the use of the two sites to help meet the goal of reducing or eliminating dredged material disposal in the open waters of Long Island Sound. The Final Rule sets standards and procedures to promote the development and use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal. One proposed procedure is to establish a standing, interagency "Steering Committee" and "Regional Dredging Team" for Long Island Sound. These groups will be comprised of federal and state agency representatives that will work together to identify, develop, and promote the use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal of dredged material, such as using sand for beach nourishment. They also will review dredging projects and offer recommendations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding how the dredged material from such projects should be handled. The Final Rule was published in the Federal Register (81 FR 44220).

**Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan (LIS DMMP)**

A DMMP is a comprehensive planning process and decision-making tool to address the management of dredged material for a specific harbor or navigation project, group of related projects, or geographic area. The Final Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan (LIS DMMP) and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) were completed on January 11, 2016. The LIS DMMP identifies a wide range of alternatives to open-water disposal and recommends standards and procedures for determining which alternatives to pursue for different dredging projects.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was the lead agency for the development and management of the LIS DMMP. The USACE North Atlantic Division's New England and New York Districts have developed the LIS DMMP in cooperation with:

- EPA Regions 1 and 2;

[https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/dredged-material-management-long-island-sound](https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/dredged-material-management-long-island-sound)
Eastern Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Sites

Because of a demonstrated, continuing need for dredged material disposal projected over a 30-year period (LIS DMMP Dredging Needs Report), EPA pursued the designation of a long-term disposal site to serve the eastern region of Long Island Sound. A Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Designation of Dredged Material Disposal Sites in Eastern Long Island Sound was published in the Federal Register on October 16, 2012 (77 FR 63312).

On April 27, 2016, EPA released a proposed rule for the designation of a dredged material disposal site in the eastern region of Long Island Sound (81 FR 24748) and a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of Dredged Material Disposal Site(s) in Eastern Long Island Sound (ELIS DSEIS). EPA hosted public hearings to provide an opportunity to submit oral and written comments in New York and Connecticut in May 2016. The comment period for the proposed rule and the ELIS DSEIS ended on July 18, 2016 (81 FR 41925).

On December 6, 2016, EPA released the Final Rule (81 FR 87820) designating the Eastern Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Site (ELDS) for long-term use with the same Restrictions on WLDS and CLDS. These Restrictions on site use help meet the goal of reducing or eliminating dredged material disposal in the open waters of Long Island Sound.

The Final Rule sets standards and procedures to promote the development and use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal. One proposed procedure is to establish a standing, interagency Steering Committee and Regional Dredging Team for Long Island Sound. These groups will be comprised of federal and state agency representatives who will work together to identify, develop, and promote the use of practicable alternatives to open-water disposal of dredged material, such as using sand for beach nourishment. They will also review dredging projects and offer recommendations to the USACE regarding how the dredged material from such projects should be handled.

https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/dredged-material-management-long-island-sound
NY-Conn. Dispute Over LI Sound Dredging in US Court

Stephen Singer - Contact Reporter
August 18, 2017 (Hartford Courant)

The battle between Connecticut and New York over the dumping of dredged material in Long Island Sound has intensified with a federal lawsuit by New York challenging a dumping site near New London.

Connecticut officials hit back Friday, saying the lawsuit challenging a decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will hamper shipping in the Sound.


Connecticut has “significant dredging needs, far more so than other states that share Long Island Sound,” they said in a statement. Connecticut has a higher percentage of fine-grained sediment that requires additional disposal, they said.

Connecticut also is more reliant on open-water disposal than its neighbors, the state officials said.

U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District, said in an interview that the decision to select a site not far from New London has been “eight years in the making.”

“It’s been analyzed from every angle possible,” he said.

In its lawsuit, New York said it will be harmed by the eastern Long Island site.

“New York has long pursued, with the concurrence of Connecticut and regulatory agreement by EPA, the goal of reducing or eliminating the disposal of dredged materials in the sound,” the lawsuit says.

Designating a third site, in addition to others in central and western Long Island Sound, “will impede achievement of that goal,” New York said.
The westernmost disposal site is off Darien and the central site is opposite New Haven. The eastern site, known as the Cornfield Shoals, is between the mouth of the Connecticut River and Long Island’s North Fork. The most recent eastern site is off New London.

Contaminants excavated primarily from tidal river areas and bays along Connecticut’s shoreline will be relocated to the eastern site, which is in a previously unused area of the sound closer to New York, the state said.

“The Long Island Sound’s ecosystem is now largely shielded from the potential adverse impact of these contaminants, which are currently buried beneath riverine and harbor sediments,” the lawsuit said.

Dredging could introduce contaminants into the food chain, particularly lobsters, New York said. The site risks interference with the safety, logistics and flow of ferry traffic between New York and New England, according to the lawsuit.

Scott Bates, chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority, called the lawsuit an “ill conceived and unfounded action” that will affect thousands of Connecticut workers.

Regular and predictable dredging of ports and harbors is essential in eastern Connecticut to commercial and recreational fishing and boating and military transportation by the Coast Guard and Navy, Connecticut officials say.

It’s also important to the submarine base and Electric Boat, which rely on dredging of the Thames River and harbors. The Navy plans to dredge about 60,000 cubic yards at the Naval Submarine Base New London over the next few years to support construction of a new pier for the newest Virginia-class submarine, according to Courtney’s office.

Courtney defended the environmental integrity of the vetting of the eastern Long Island Sound site, which was conducted in the Obama administration by then-EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, who formerly headed the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

“It’s almost insulting to call it dumping,” he said
Business Recruitment, Retention & Expansion

Working with three healthcare/bioscience and one software companies on attraction (1), retention and expansion (3) opportunities

Evotec business visitation
Bioasysis business expansion

Global Expansion

Hosted new State representative for business recruitment in Germany (ROI)
Hosting the Hungarian ambassador to the U.S. who has a particular interest in biosciences
Planning for Hannover Messe Advanced Manufacturing Tradeshow

Marketing & Communications

Exploration of co-marketing opportunity with the Connecticut Metro Region
CERC quarterly marketing meeting

Media

Escape.com (Australian travel website) - contact through Discover New England
Tweed New Haven runway expansion

205 Amity Rd., Bethany
Office
6100 sq. feet

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April 4 Startup Grind
Steve Kokinos (Co-founder & Executive Chairman of Fuze)

Luncheon for Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
President Garrett Sheehan

American Bus Association
Tradeshow
Regional Collaboration/2018 CEDS
Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy review by Strategic Planning Committee
Scheduling presentation to the REX Board of Directors

Integrate Arts, Culture & Preservation with Economic Development

Tourism
Milford tourism presentations
Regional trails meeting

Infrastructure
Attended Rebooting New England Project Connecticut Roundtable on 2/27
Community outreach for support of the expansion of the runway at Tweed New Haven Airport (post cards and online petitions/testimony)

Advocacy
Testified to the Planning and Development Committee in support of bill 5537: AN ACT CONCERNING SHARED SOLAR FACILITIES AND MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS
CBIA Business Day at the Capitol

Connecticut Lodging Association
Trafficking in Persons Council Meeting
CLA Board Meeting

Education & Training
Entrepreneurs & Startups
Sponsor of Startup Grind—New Haven Events
- 4/4 Steve Kokinos (Co-founder & Executive Chairman of Fuze)
Collaborating with Accelerator for Biosciences in Connecticut on 12 ventures
Elm City Innovation Collaborative programming
Entrepreneurship Collab Pitch Night

Visitor Newsletter Features
- New Haven Restaurant Week
- Support Additional Air Service at Tweed New Haven Regional Airport
- St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Greater New Haven

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March 23
Mary and Chuck Coursey
Coursey & Co.
Community Outreach

North Haven State of the Town

Hamden Healthcare Cluster Meeting

Hosted luncheon to introduce municipal economic development officials to new Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce President Garrett Sheehan

Greater New Haven Board of Directors Meetings

Milford Progress

CERC Board Meeting

Elm City Innovation Collaborative implementation meetings

Gateway Community College

5th Annual Governor’s Economic Development Forum
DEMHS Region 2  
John B. Field Jr., Emergency Management Area Coordinator

Re: March 2018 COG Report

**CT DEMHS Region 2**
Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Support efforts continue. Bi-Weekly conference calls (state and regional) discuss current status, issues or concerns, and next steps. The regional calls include city/town EMDs, public health officials, social services reps, etc. State conference calls include state and federal agency reps, with each regional coordinator providing a regional update at each call. The main issue continues to be long-term housing for evacuees.

On March 20, 2018 CT DEMHS participated in a FEMA evaluated Millstone Nuclear Power Plant exercise. The exercise was utilized to test the capabilities of CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and Dominion Energy (Millstone). Working with the support from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) each of these agencies responded to a scenario at the Millstone facility which included a release of radiological material. An immediate discussion with FEMA following the exercise appeared positive but an official report will be finalized within the next month.

The past two weeks we have experienced three partial activations in response to three major winter storms, with another one expected this week. Region 2 experienced numerous trees down, with power outages and roads blocked. Hopefully spring is on the way.

Region 2 personnel continue to provide assistance as needed. Please do not hesitate to contact the Region 2 Office at any time.

Respectfully submitted:

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<td>Orange, Milford, New Haven</td>
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<td>Town of Prospect: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 4.7 Agricultural Uses regarding the keeping of small animals and fowl</td>
<td>Bethany</td>
<td>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</td>
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<td>Town of North Haven: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to create Section 5.1.3.17 to establish Independent Living Facilities as a use in IL-80 Districts</td>
<td>East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Branford, Wallingford</td>
<td>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</td>
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